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In re Application of:

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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR OXIDATION
DYEING KERATINOUS FIBERS
COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE
OXIDATION PRECURSOR AND AT
LEAST ONE DIRECT DYE, AND DYEING
METHODS

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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With respect to the non-English language documents Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. **DE 197 28 336** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
2. **EP 0 920 856**- This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,163,970, submitted herewith.
3. **EP 0 970 687** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
4. **WO 98/01106** - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.

Applicants have enclosed a copy of the priority application's French Search Report for the Examiner's consideration.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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